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Doris Greene	Cataloger
Martha Clark	Sup't. of Stations
Edna Roeseler	Assistant Circulation Dep't.
Else Saxer	Assistant Circulation Dep't.
Mrs. Alice Thomas	Assistant Circulation Dep't.
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Richard Smith	Messenger
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Frank Sherman	Janitor

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Superior, Wis., July 1, 1918.

To the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Superior:
Gentlemen:

In accordance to the Statutes of Wisconsin, which requires the Board of Directors of each city to make an Annual Report of its financial condition, and a statement of all other departments of its administration, which may be deemed of general interest, we submit this, the Twenty-ninth Annual Report, for the year ending July 1st, 1918.

The terms of office of the following directors expire at this date:
Mrs. Geo. Cooper, Mrs. Harrie Rogers and Mr. A. Gunderson.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. SUNDERLAND,
President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECEIPTS

Cash on hand (per annual report) July 1, 1917.....	\$13,024.83
Fines	485.30
Rent collection	12.85
Incidentals (sale of paper, metal, etc.).....	52.12
Interest on Bank Balance.....	280.07
Interest on Bank Balance.....	20,200.00
	\$34,055.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Books purchased	\$ 3,905.69
Subscriptions to periodicals.....	479.50
Binding and rebinding of old books.....	953.10
Salaries, Library force.....	8,091.39
Janitor's salaries	1,106.62
Fuel	743.76
Water, light and gas.....	268.22
Permanent improvements	530.09
Stationery and supplies	267.10
Printing	78.50
Express, freight, drayage and trains.....	171.70
Furniture and fixtures.....	314.49
Insurance	299.57
Other expenses, including postage and messenger service.....	349.49
Cash on hand.....	16,495.83
	\$34,055.17

EAST END BRANCH BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Carnegie Corporation	\$12,511.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

General Contract	\$ 9,243.62
Plumbing and heating	1,870.00
Hardware	200.00
Wiring	417.40
Architect fees	778.58
Balance (cash on hand).....	1.40
	Total
	\$12,511.00

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO THE FORM

APPROVED BY THE A. L. A.

Annual report for the year ending July 1, 1918.

Name of the library: Superior Public Library.

Name of librarian: Blanch L. Unterkircher.

City or town: Superior, Wisconsin.

Population served: 47,500.

Terms of use—Free for lending.

Free for reference.

Total number of agencies—

Stations -----5

Other agencies -----2

Total valuation of library property estimated-----\$75,000.00

No. of volumes at beginning of year-----25,510 8,657 34,167

No. of volumes added during the year

by purchase ----- 2,094 1,827 3,921

No. of volumes added during the year

by gift ----- 98 ----- 98

No. of volumes added during the year by

binding not otherwise counted----- 213 6 219

No. of volumes lost or withdrawn during

the year ----- 341 706 1,047

Total number at end of year-----27,574 9,784 37,358

Total number of volumes lent for

home use -----91,439 85,062 176,501

No. of volumes of fiction for home use-----62,880 37,919 100,799

No. of volumes circulated at stations

and other agencies -----30,367 41,840 72,207

No. of pictures lent for home use-----34,536 1,227 35,763

No. of clippings lent for home use----- 289 35 324

REGISTRATION

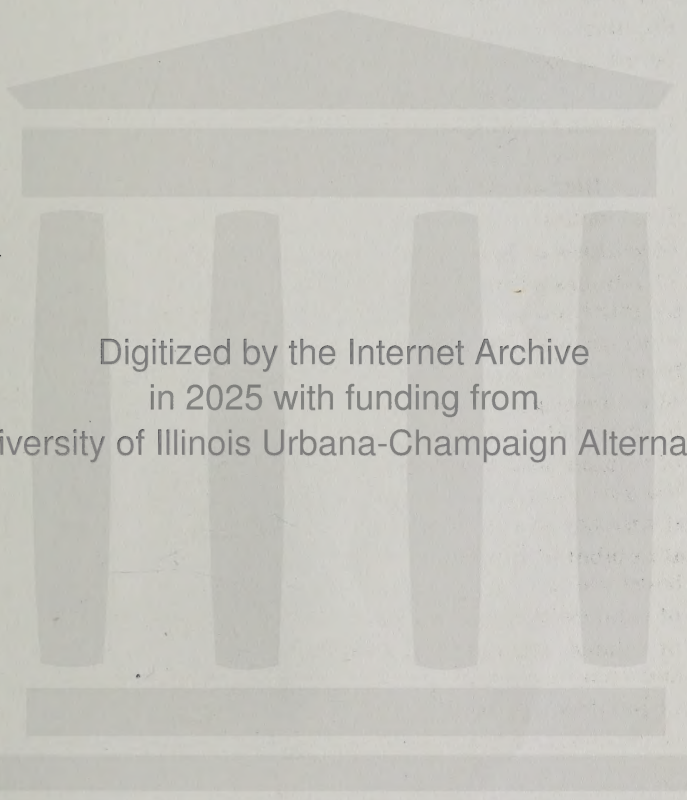
No. of borrowers registered during the year----- 2,586

Total no. of registered borrowers-----12,003

Registration period, years----- 4

No. of periodicals currently received----- 168

No. of newspapers currently received----- 18



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To the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Superior, Wisconsin.
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Statutes, the Board of Directors of the Superior Public Library submit herewith the annual report of said library for the year ending June 30, 1917.

The financial statement and the report of the Librarian herewith transmitted contain the information necessary to keep you thoroughly advised of the measures taken to serve the public, who own and maintain this institution of popular education. It is the purpose of this library to co-operate in forwarding every civic movement and it is sincerely hoped every citizen will realize that this institution is maintained for his individual benefit.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand (per annual report) July 1, 1916.....	\$12,104.40
Fines	396.80
Rent	21.00
Incidentals (Sale of paper, \$7.09; refund on light bill, \$6.60) ..	13.69
Interest on bank balance.....	271.18
Tax levy	17,450.00
Total	\$30,257.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books purchased	\$ 3,623.86
Subscription to periodicals.....	560.15
Binding and rebinding old books	1,005.30
Salaries, Library force	7,450.39
Janitor's salary	1,183.97
Fuel	551.47
Water and light.....	288.15
Permanent improvements	201.25
Stationery and supplies.....	366.71
Printing	109.10
Express, freight, drayage and trains.....	214.13
Furniture and fixtures.....	690.95
Insurance	625.00
Other expenses, including postage and messenger service...	361.71
Error in issuing check No. 2969 for .10 more than order No. 5572 called for.....	.10
Cash on hand	13,024.83
Total	\$30,257.07

BOOKS.

Number of accessioned books in the Library July 1, 1916	32,665
Books added during the year	3,824
Books withdrawn during the year	2,322
Number of accessioned books in the Library	34,167
Books circulated during the year	165,384
Pictures and clippings circulated during the year	27,106
United States pamphlets added during the year.....	1,476
United States public documents added during the year.....	89

The Library now contains 4,077 bound volumes and 13,046 pamphlets in the United States public document collection. These are

not accessioned but cataloged.

The terms of office of the following directors expire at this date: Mr. H. N. Rasmussen, Mr. S. Y. Josephs, and Col. Hiram Hayes.

The Board wishes to acknowledge to your Honorable Body, the assistance and uniform courtesies that has been so readily extended.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. SUNDERLAND,

President.

June 30, 1917.

SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the Librarian.

1916-1917.

To the Board of Directors of the Superior Public Library, Superior, Wisconsin.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the twenty-eighth annual report of the Superior Public Library, showing the Library's activities for the past year.

CIRCULATION.

For the year 1916-1917, there were loaned from the Main Library and Stations 165,384 books. Of this number, 92,119 were adult books, and 73,265 were juvenile. The increase over the preceding year is 20,897 volumes. Of the total circulation, 43 per cent is non-fiction. The circulation per capita is 3.5.

Number of days Main Library was open for circulation.....	306
Average daily circulation for Main Library	540
Largest daily circulation for Main Library.....	1,468
Smallest daily circulation for Main Library.....	142

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference collection has been increased during the year by the addition of 49 books and 139 periodicals. It now contains 3,599 volumes of which 2,603 are bound periodicals.

Eight portfolios of Seeman prints containing colored reproductions of the works of many of the old masters, as well as those of contemporary artists, were purchased. These pictures were mounted and filed in the picture collection.

A collection of silhouettes by Diefenbach, owned by the Wisconsin Library Commission, was on exhibition in the lobby for several weeks during the winter, and attracted much attention.

The Readers' Guide Supplement, 1907-1915, has been added to the reference collection, and the succeeding numbers have been regularly received. The library does not subscribe to many of the peri-

odicals indexed in the supplement, but practically all of the books indexed are owned.

The Library subscribes to 14 newspapers and 146 periodicals. In addition, 20 periodicals and 10 newspapers are received regularly as gifts. Ten of these magazines are in the children's room. Duplicate copies of nine of the magazines are received for circulation.

In the fall, 255 freshmen from the Nelson Dewey and Superior High Schools were given three lessons in the use of the Library. They came to the Library in classes, and after each lesson were assigned practice work. At the end of the course, an examination was given at the schools. In the spring term, two lessons were given to 125 students. But the longer course has proven more satisfactory, and in future will be given as usual.

During the year several lists have been compiled as the occasion required. The one on "Vocational training" has been published in pamphlet form.

Work with the Ramblers' and Woman's Clubs has been continued. Lists of references and supplementary reading were mimeographed and distributed to each member.

The reference work with the two High Schools and the Normal School seems to be steadily increasing. Debate material, especially, has been much in demand, necessitating the purchase of new debaters' handbooks and duplicate copies of the older ones.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

Volumes Cataloged.

Circulating and reference.....	2,064
Legler	16
Total	2,080

Pamphlets.

Legler	123
Miscellaneous	396
Total	519

Catalog cards made.....	4,209
Shelf cards made.....	1,286

Additions to the government document collection include 89 bound volumes and 1,476 pamphlets. These are not included in the figures given above. The totals for this department are now 4,077 bound volumes and 13,046 pamphlets.

MENDING AND BINDING.

Two thousand, nine hundred and twenty-nine books were mended in the Library during the year.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The main children's room this year circulated 36,904 books, an increase of 5,704 over last year's circulation.

One thousand, seven hundred and forty-five books were cataloged and placed on the shelves, making a total of 5,776 books in the main children's room, 2,882 in the school collection.

The greatest difficulty this year has been to provide enough easy supplementary readers. Although there were practically 500 in constant circulation there never seemed enough to satisfy the demand. Emphasis placed on the study of history in the public schools led to the addition of 82 books in this collection.

Weekly stories were regularly told to the children at the Matt Carpenter School and at the Main Library. Great interest was taken in a series of stories based on King Arthur legends which were told for twelve consecutive weeks after Christmas to the older boys and girls. The story hour attendance at Carpenter School was 4,195; at the Main Library, 3,014; and at various other places, 290, making a total attendance for the year of 7,499.

Students of the Kindergarten Department of the Normal School helped at Carpenter School each week from January through May by telling one story to the younger children.

A special display of children's books suitable for Christmas gifts, which filled the lobby for three weeks preceding Christmas and a Christmas party with songs, stories and popcorn balls proved good advertising for the department.

A circulation of 1,357 books in the intermediate collection (an increase of 599 over last year) is worth noting. A shelf in the lobby marked "Books for Older Boys and Girls" was kept well filled with books carefully selected for the boys and girls who though they feel too old for the children's room are not yet quite ready to find books for themselves in the large stacks of the adult department.

SCHOOLS.

Many of the old worn out school collection books, some of which had been in circulation since 1911, were this year withdrawn and 562 books put in their places. An increase of 2,551 in the year's circulation, which totaled 28,895 shows that attractive, well selected classroom libraries are appreciated.

All but two of the 13 schools served were visited twice during the year by the children's librarian and 59 of the 71 teachers who held collections came to the library to select their own books, making closer the cooperation between school and Library. This co-operation was especially noticeable in June when the year's work was totaled, the school records were kept more carefully, the books returned promptly with fewer missing than ever before.

Lincoln school this year preferred to have their books sent to Onaway Club so the record of their circulation will be found under "Stations."

The decrease in Carpenter School circulation was due partly to the fact that there was no school on two library afternoons because of bad storms and that many of the children are now using the Main Library.

A comparative statistical report follows:

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	1916-17
Blaine (Deaf)					43
Bryant	2201	2467	3022	4511	4996
Carpenter				4025	3506
Cooper	2214	3371	5742	3968	4275
Dewey	1768	1405	2599	3101	4377
Franklin	435	937	1584	1943	1936
Gordon					33
Howe	1489	1500	2611	4280	6560
Lincoln	1194	1388	1110	1525	
Notre Dame				50	
St. Louis					68
Webster	763	987	627	866	809
Wisconsin Point	13	33	44	193	180
Allouez				95	
Ericsson					881
High School			1290	1787	1231
Total	10077	12087	18629	26344	28895

REGISTRATION.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. of borrowers July 1, 1916	6476	5112	11588
Number registered during year	1876	891	2767
Cards withdrawn during year	1711	1343	3054
Total borrowers at end of year	6641	4660	11301

LIBRARY STATIONS.

Thirty-seven per cent of the entire adult circulation of books this year was from the library stations.

Instead of opening new stations, effort has been concentrated on those now in existence, and every available opportunity has been used to bring them to public notice. The result is an increase in circulation from all but the station at Campbell's Pharmacy. Their adult circulation has increased, but the children's books have been practically discontinued, and this explains the decrease of 421 in the totals.

To advertise this station, a display was placed in the windows, signs were put in the Fire Station and street car waiting-rooms, hand bills were distributed to the children of Cooper school, and announcements were made by the clergymen of the district from their pulpits.

Onaway Club, with its loyal members, and with Mrs. Bertrand in charge of the library station has needed no assistance in almost doubling its circulation. The popularity of the library room with the boys, who read and play games there in the evenings, shows that Onaway is doing social center work as well as circulating books.

The station in Allouez at Dahlen's Bakery makes constant demand for more books, and Mrs. Dahlen has worked faithfully in building up this station.

Seven hundred and seventy-two books were circulated at the deposit stations, Western Union, Superior Laundry, the two Telephone offices, etc. This is an increase of 54 per cent over last year. At the completion of the new Bell Telephone Building, books were placed in the girls' rest room.

BINDING STATISTICS FOR 1916-17.

Books	1883
Magazines	205
Superior Telegram	3

Total2091

GIFTS.

Both books and magazines have been given by friends of the Library and have proven useful in many ways.

LIBRARY MEETINGS.

The Library was represented at the Wisconsin Library Association meeting held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by the Librarian and children's librarian.

The Librarian attended the meeting of the American Library Association in Louisville, Kentucky, in June.

STAFF.

A number of changes have been noted in the various departments.

Miss Helen V. Stelle, reference librarian, resigned to become Librarian of the Tampa Public Library, Tampa, Florida. Miss Lottie N. Ingram was transferred to the reference department. Miss Edna Roeseler of the Platteville, Wisconsin Normal School Library, was made assistant at the circulation desk in Miss Ingram's place.

Miss Dorothea Heins resigned in February to become assistant branch librarian at Evansville, Indiana. Miss Laura J. Gage of Cincinnati was elected to fill the vacancy.

It is with pleasure we acknowledge the assistance that the city officials of Superior and the newspapers of the city have given us the past year. They are each a great help in forwarding a good work for the community.

I wish also in closing to thank the members of the Library Board for their unfailing support and generous gift of valuable time in carrying on the work undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

BLANCH L. UNTERKIRCHER.

APPENDIX "A."

NUMBER OF ACCESSIONED BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

	Adult.	Ref.	Legler	Juv.	Ref.	Juv. & Sch.	Total
General	185	240	72	1	24	...	522
Periodicals	121	2603	23	9	91	...	2847
Philosophy	573	4	...	13	...	3	593
Religion	805	37	8	92	7	39	988
Sociology and							
Fairy Tales ..	2096	203	590	664	11	404	3968
Philology	139	41	...	...	...	...	180
Natural Science ..	673	27	66	319	9	146	1240
Useful Arts	1700	37	147	225	1	78	2188
Fine Arts	1384	50	23	281	1	42	1781
Literature	2109	165	4	631	23	365	3297
History	1519	46	201	398	2	184	2350
Travel	1046	41	70	381	8	270	1816
Biography	1419	105	36	345	7	194	2106
Fiction	6344	...	2	2231	2	1157	9736
Norwegian	328	...	...	...	...	...	328
Swedish	204	...	...	...	...	...	204
German	23	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total	20668	3599	1242	5590	186	2882	34167

APPENDIX "B."

CLASSIFIED LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

	Adult	Ref.	Legler	Juv.		Sch.	Total
				Ref.	Juv.		
General	8	8	3	.....	.....	.....	19
Periodicals		139	.....	8	4	.....	151
Philosophy	41	1	.....	.....	6	.....	48
Religion	53	1	.....	.....	8	10	72
Sociology & Fairy Tales..	177	13	10	2	198	142	542
Philology	20	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Natural Science	43	4	.....	.....	38	24	109
Useful arts	151	3	.....	.....	46	13	213
Fine arts	86	4	.....	.....	54	.....	144
Literature	204	7	.....	.....	245	132	588
History	80	.....	3	1	82	7	173
Travel	49	3	.....	.....	80	22	154
Biography	66	1	.....	.....	28	3	98
Fiction	824	.....	.....	.....	383	209	1416
Norwegian	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67
Swedish	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Total	1875	188	16	11	1172	562	3824

APPENDIX "C."

CIRCULATION.

	Main Library		Stations		Schools		Carpenter	Total
	Ad.	Juv.	Ad.	Juv.	Ad.	Juv.	Juv.	
General	99	145	2,064	1,822	.....	.....	.....	4,130
Periodicals ..	41	2	127	22	.....	.....	.....	192
Philosophy ..	819	61	72	15	.....	.....	.....	967
Religion	713	229	185	61	.....	215	98	1,501
Sociology and Fairy tales.	2,120	6,276	160	220	.....	4,600	834	14,210
Philology	237	2	48	7	.....	.....	.....	294
Natural Science	751	1,012	204	163	8	971	161	3,270
Useful Arts ..	3,010	888	127	68	.....	420	38	4,551
Fine Arts	2,128	1254	76	33	66	415	67	4,039
Literature ...	2,632	5,647	300	118	729	4,123	1,111	14,660
History	1,500	1,580	114	71	.....	1,423	98	4,786
Travel	1,608	1,471	118	10	.....	1,152	137	3,956
Biography ...	1,592	927	109	77	.....	673	88	3,466
Fiction	32,944	17,287	28,141	5,572	428	10,166	874	95,412
Norwegian ..	1,653	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,670
Swedish	429	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	432
German	90	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	95
Finnish	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Yiddish	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67
Polish	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
Bohemian	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Current Periodicals.	4,280	123	2,265	438	.....	.....	.....	7,106
Pamphlets ...	415	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	417
Total	56,751	36,904	34,137	8,697	1,231	24,158	3,506	165,384
Clippings	181	85						266
Pictures	25,490	1,350						26,840

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Stations5

Other agencies7

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	INCREASE	Adult	Juv.	Total
No. of volumes at beginning of year	24,417	8,248		32,665
No. of vol. added during year by purchase	1,915	1,735		3,650
No. of volumes added during year by gift.....	54	.....		54
No. of vol. added during year by binding not otherwise counted	111	9		120
No. of vol. lost or withdrawn during year.....	987	1,335		2,322
Total no. at end of year	25,510	8,657		34,167
Number of maps added during year—4.				

	USE	Adult	Juv.	Total
Total no. of vol. lent for home use.....	92,119	73,265		165,384
No. of volumes of fiction for home use	61,513	33,899		95,412
No. of vol. circulated at stations and other agencies	35,368	36,361		71,729
No. of pictures lent for home use	25,490	1,350		26,840
No. of maps lent for home use .....	.....	.....		.....
No. of clippings lent for home use	181	85		266

	REGISTRATION	Adult	Juv.	Total
No. of borrowers registered during year	1,876	891		2,767
Total no. of registered borrowers	6,641	4,660		11,301
Registration period, years				4
No. of periodicals currently received	156	10		166
No. of newspapers currently received	24			24

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Binding and rebinding old books	765.70
Salaries, Library force	6,966.80
Janitor's salary	1,088.50
Fuel	485.78
Water and light	260.93
Permanent improvements	296.71
Stationery and supplies	319.04
Printing	117.89
Express, freight, drayage and trains	73.50
Furniture and fixtures	205.30
Insurance	25.00
Other expenses, including postage and messenger service	238.17
Balance (Cash on hand)	12,104.40
Total	\$27,211.32

BOOKS

Number of accessional books in the Library July 1, 1915	29,400
Books added during the year	4,126
Withdrawals	861
Number of accessional books in the Library (See Appendix A)	32,665
Books circulated during the year, excluding pictures and clippings (See Appendix C)	144,489
U. S. Pamphlets added during year	2,116
U. S. Public Documents added during the year	245

The Library now contains 3,988 bound volumes and 11,570 pamphlets in the U. S. Document collection. These are cataloged but not accessioned.

The terms of office of the following Directors expire at this date: Mr. C. H. Sunderland, Mr. W. J. Leader, the Rev. N. J. Lockrem.

Mr. S. Y. Josephs was appointed to fill Mr. Louis Williams' place, and as Mr. J. M. Szarkowski has left the city, Mr. A. Gunderson was appointed to serve out his term of office.

The Board earnestly invites your Honorable Body to again visit the Library, both individually and collectively, and note its workings, and would also invite suggestions with a view to making the Library more useful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By C. H. SUNDERLAND,

Superior, Wisconsin, June 30, 1916.

President.

SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Annual Report of the Librarian.
1915-1916.

To the Board of Directors of the Superior Public Library, Superior, Wisconsin.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor of presenting to you the twenty-seventh annual report of the Superior Public Library, showing the work and conditions of this institution for the year ending June 30, 1916.

Following is an account of the work of the various departments:

THE STAFF.

There were three resignation on the staff during the year.

In August, Miss M. Augusta Savage, Children's Librarian, joined the staff of the Brooklyn Public Library, New York.

November first, Miss Gladys M. Andrews took up her work, as Librarian of the Stephenson Public Library, Marinette, Wisconsin.

In June, Miss Florence Farnham was appointed librarian of the Eau Claire Normal School Library, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

These vacancies were filled by the engagements of Miss Nora H. Giele, a graduate of the Pittsburgh Training School for Children's Librarians, Miss Lottie N. Ingram, graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, and Miss Doris Greene, graduate of the Wisconsin Library School.

LIBRARY MEETINGS.

The State Meeting at Eau Claire, in September was attended by the Librarian, Miss Giele, and Miss Andrews.

Th Librarian again represented this Library at the Conference of the American Library Association, which was held at Asbury Park, New Jersey.

PUBLICITY.

The advertising of a Library has become as much a part of the regular work as the buying of books. Careful consideration is given to the best way of focusing the attention of the public on the Library.

The Bird House exhibit, held under the auspices of the Douglas County Fish and Game League, and the Doll House Exhibit given by the Kindergarten Department of the Normal Training School, though primarily not advertising schemes most successfully accomplished this end. Many people came to see the bird houses who

had to inquire the way, and having found the way came again to borrow books. Many mothers came in the evenings to see the Doll houses so enthusiastically described by the small daughter.

Both of these exhibits are mentioned in the report of the Children's Department.

Early in September one hundred pictures of Sir Walter Scott's country were loaned us by the Wisconsin Library Commission. These were hung in the lobby and reading room. Classes studying *Lady of the Lake* came with their teachers to see these pictures.

The annual Douglas County Fair was held September 21-24. The Library booth received much attention. It was arranged as a reading room, decorated with bulletins and pictures. The furniture for it was kindly loaned by the Grand Rapids Furniture Company. There were exhibits of books on all phases of rural life.

The Douglas County Traveling Library boxes caused much comment.

A Baby Welfare Exhibit was held March 16-18, under the auspices of the Welfare Association. The Library booth was quite large and also arranged as a reading room, decorated with bulletins advertising different classes of books relative to child life.

Some member of the staff was in attendance during the hours the exhibit was open. There were patterns for making baby clothes, books treating of the care of children, as well as books for children.

Books about pure milk were placed in the booth specializing on that subject; cooking books were in the model kitchen, etc.

Handbills having the caption *Better Babies, Better Mothers, Better City*, followed by a short list of books were fully distributed. Printed matter from several other departments was sent to the library booth for distribution.

Immediately following this exhibit, a decided increase in the circulation of these books was noticeable and there is a continuing demand for them.

Before the Safety First Juvenile week, the local book sellers were visited and asked to purchase the books recommended by Franklin K. Matthews, chief scout librarian. These books were displayed in the windows during the week.

In April the Tower Floral Company permitted us to use one of their windows for a display of Garden Books. Bulletins and pictures as well as books were carefully arranged in the window with seeds and flowers.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The most noticeable and perhaps the most gratifying result of our efforts in the reference department is that our patrons have become more systematic in their reference work and notify us in advance of the material they desire.

The reference department contains at the end of the year 3,452 books and 2,515 bound periodicals. The collection has been increased during the year by the addition of 191 books and 152 periodicals.

The five year cumulation of the Readers' Guide greatly facilitates the reference work. The lists of books and periodicals have been checked. The Library has 77 of the 116 periodicals indexed.

The new Rand-McNally atlas is a much consulted volume. The

map of Wisconsin and the one of Europe showing the war frontiers have hung in the lobby since purchased. They are a never-ending source of interest.

The various Wilson Debate books have been as much in demand as usual. The reference collection contains all that have been published to date.

Several much needed quotation books and volumes of poems have been added.

The special reference plan for teachers was carried on as usual. The lower shelves in the Reference Room were used instead of the ones in the circulation department. These seemed to be more convenient for the students.

Debate material on current topics, for the usual High School debates, was furnished. The Intra-Normal debate was upon the subject of Government Ownership of Telegraph and Telephone. In addition to our library list on this subject the Library of Congress bibliography was checked and posted for the students.

The picture and clipping file has been increased by material from the daily papers, old magazines, and various other sources.

The various clubs of the city have made use of the library resources. Those making the most extended use were the Ramblers and the Superior Woman's club. The Ramblers studied Mexico. The outline for study was furnished by the library, and material for each paper was looked up as it was needed.

The mimeographed list of references for the Superior Woman's club was so helpful that a similar list has been made for the coming year. In addition to this list of references, a list of outside reading has been prepared and mimeographed for distribution to each club member.

During the year lists have been compiled as the occasion demanded. A short list of books and magazine articles on vocational education was printed. These were distributed by the Collegiate Alumni Association. The purchase of a number of new books on business topics necessitated a complete revision and reprint of the former list on that subject.

A classified list of material on modern industries was made for the Normal Training School. This was later mimeographed by the school and distributed to the practice teachers.

Several other lists of timely interest were printed in the Superior Telegram; magazine articles for and against Preparedness; Better babies; Gardening; Smoke prevention; History of Wisconsin; Iron ore traffic on the Great Lakes; Detective stories, and Magazines in the Reading Room of the Superior Public Library.

The subscription to fifteen new periodicals necessitated the purchase of a new case for the reading room. This is a very attractive piece of furniture as well as being most useful. The magazines have been rearranged and numbered.

The Reference Librarian gave instruction to 366 freshmen from the city High Schools. They came in groups numbering from 20 to 50, with a teacher in charge.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

Adult books added to the Library during the past year are distributed as follows:

Circulating	1,917
Reference	191
Legler collection	55
Total	<u>2,163</u>

Pamphlets.

Legler collection	118
Miscellaneous	419

No. of Cards Written.

Catalog cards	4,957
Shelf cards	1,411

Work on the document collection has been kept up to date as far as possible and additions for the year include 245 bound volumes and 2,067 pamphlets. This collection now contains 3,988 bound volumes and 11,570 pamphlets.

Several new collections of stereoscopic views have been added, also a number of folios of prints and etchings, making the total number of pictures catalogued 983.

CIRCULATION.

For the year 1915-1916, there were loaned from the Main Library and Stations 194,176 books. Of this number 125,853 books circulated from the adult department; 68,323 from the juvenile department. A total increase of 42,485 volumes over the previous year may be noted.

Of the total circulation, 54 per cent was non-fiction.

The following table shows the fiction and non-fiction circulation for the past ten years:

	Fiction.	Non-Fiction.	Total.
1907	49,410	21,641	71,051
1908	61,798	26,485	88,283
1909	71,666	25,511	97,177
1910	67,967	31,203	99,170
1911	65,614	31,423	97,037
1912	72,417	37,141	109,558
1913	69,654	34,843	104,497
1914	69,181	46,175	115,356
1915	75,401	76,299	151,691
1916	88,735	105,441	194,176

The foreign collections, supplemented by Traveling Libraries from the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, circulated as follows:

Norwegian	1,378
Swedish	474
German	114
Finnish	47
Yiddish	160
Polish	225

Number of days Library was open for circulation.....	303
Average daily circulation	435
Largest daily circulation	1,482
Smallest daily circulation	94
Circulation per capita	4.1

	Juvenile.	Adult.	Total.
July	2,412	6,778	9,190
August	2,335	9,312	11,647
September	2,114	8,875	10,989
October	4,683	11,949	16,632
November	5,668	12,117	17,785
December	4,323	9,547	13,870
January	4,138	10,778	14,916
February	4,308	12,610	16,918
March	5,342	12,444	17,786
April	4,699	10,385	15,084
May	4,293	10,038	14,331
June	3,371	9,183	12,554

Total	47,686	124,016	171,702
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Includes Main Library, Stations, A, B, C, D, Onaway and Carpenter.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Forty-five per cent of the total number of books circulated by the Library, schools and stations for the year 1915-1916 were juvenile. Of these the main Library circulated 31,200; the schools, 20,637; Carpenter School Branch, 3,870; Onaway Club, 3,853; and other stations, 3,177, making a total juvenile circulation of 62,342 books. 5,982 pictures were also circulated, bringing the total juvenile circulation to 68,324, an increase of 9,221 over last year.

One thousand nine hundred sixty-three books were catalogued and placed on the shelves, an especial effort being made this year to build up the history collection which is kept in such constant use by the grade teachers.

The weekly Friday story hour has continued popular, 3,681 children attending. After Christmas the children were divided into two distinct groups, those under nine years of age being told the simple fairy tales and folk stories following largely the program used by the St. Louis Public Library; the older children hearing the Norse stories as outlined by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Since the primary purpose of all library storytelling is to lead to books it was most gratifying to find that the collection of Norse stories had a good circulation.

In March Mr. McCarthy of the Normal School gave a talk on birds illustrated by lantern slides; 550 children attended. A few weeks later Mr. Stevens of Duluth, one of the judges in the bird house contest, told 125 boys in the children's room which were good and which were poor bird houses. His plea for bird conservation was most interesting.

Publicity work has been carried on all through the year. At the County Fair many attractive children's books were displayed, children often staying in the booth for an hour at a time reading them.

During the weeks preceding Christmas the lobby was filled with a display of children's books. Five tables were used, showing re-

spectively, "Expensive editions," "Picture books," "Books boys like," "Books girls like," and "Inexpensive books." This display, the electrically lighted Christmas Tree and the special Christmas story hour attracted many children to the Library who had never been there before.

The exhibit of bird houses made by the boys in the manual training department of the public schools proved most successful advertising for the Children's room was full of boys as long as the exhibit lasted. In connection with the Baby week exhibit children's books marked "Good books for the baby" and "Bad books for the baby" were displayed in the Library booth.

The exhibit of dolls' houses made by the students of the kindergarten department of the Normal school held in the Children's room during the week of May 15th, brought many little children to the library. On each display table were placed children's books with signs such as this: "Does your dolly need a new coat? Foster's Sewing for Little Girls has a good pattern."

Through the courtesy of The Evening Telegram a column in Thursday evening's paper has each week been allotted to the children's librarian. Under the heading "Bedtime Stories for the Children," have been printed short stories or chapters from books taken from every class in the children's room. In this way mothers and teachers have had an opportunity of learning both the title and nature of many children's books. Attention was also called to the story hour.

The intermediate collection begun last year has been added to each month and has continued to prove popular, with a circulation of 758.

In June a comprehensive list of books of interest to Camp Fire Girls arranged under the principal crafts as given in the official handbook was made and 50 copies mimeographed and distributed among the four Camp Fire groups of Superior

LIBRARY STATIONS.

Public Stations.

The records of the past year show an encouraging increase in the circulation at the Public Library Stations. Of these there are now five. Stations A, B, C, and the Onaway Club station have been continued, and we have for the third time organized a library station in Allouez. We regret that we were unable to place a collection of books in Itasca. Several merchants declared themselves willing, but unable to accommodate us because of limited floor space. Mr. John Haney of Allouez agreed to house a library in his bakery on the corner of East Second street and McBain avenue, and Mrs. Haney was given charge of it August 28, 1915.

Deposit Stations.

Aside from the Public Library Stations, the Library now has seven deposit stations. Three new ones have been organized, one at the Western Union Telegraph office, one in the girls' rest room of the People's Telephone Company, and one in the Superior Laundry on Hammond avenue and Fifth street. The Bell Telephone Company will also have a collection of books in its new building. The fire station records are not at all complete, but the men insist that the books are much read and appreciated. The circulation of the deposit stations was 501.

Publicity.

Books were displayed in windows at

Station A, Jan. 31, 1916.

Station B, Feb. 2, 1916.

Station C, Feb. 16, 1916.

Station D, Nov. 30, 1915.

Onaway Club, March 18, 1916.

Station D was further advertised by signs placed in the Allouez and Itasca postoffices. The Library in Hotel Superior was made known to the employees by means of signs placed in the servants' corridors the kitchen and the linen room. The stations were also advertised at the County Fair, the Baby Week Exhibit and in the Palace of Sweets.

Registration.

The decrease in registration is probably due to the fact that no cards were issued at the schools.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. of borrowers at beginning of the year,	6,799	6,022	12,821
No. of borrowers registered during year	1,755	668	2,423
Cards withdrawn during year	2,078	1,578	3,656
Total borrowers at end of year	6,476	5,112	11,588

SCHOOLS.

That the work with schools has proven itself very worth while this year will be shown most clearly by the statistical report which follows. In all but one school there has been a substantial increase in the circulation recorded and two new schools have been added to the list. This year the lower grades in the Cooper School did not circulate the books for home use, but kept them in the building to use as supplementary reading thus accounting for the apparent decrease in circulation.

The schools were all visited in September and again in February to arrange for the book collections and count the circulation. 70 teachers in 12 different schools this year received book collections, the main collection often being drawn on where the school duplicate collection proved inadequate.

The number of teachers who responded to the invitation to come in person to select their books was most gratifying, for in this way more than any other can the Library get into closer cooperation with the schools; the teachers learning how the Library can help them and the Library in what ways it must build up the book collection to best help the teachers.

New books are constantly being added to the school collection, and it is hoped that another year will find the schools making still better use of this collection, which now numbers 2,863 books.

The statistical report showing the relative circulation in the schools for four years follows:

School—	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16
Bryant	2,201	2,467	3,022	4,511
Carpenter .....	.....	.....	.....	155
Cooper	2,214	3,371	5,742	3,968
Dewey	1,768	1,405	2,599	3,101

Franklin	435	937	1,584	1,943
Howe	1,489	1,500	2,611	4,280
Lincoln	1,194	1,388	1,110	1,525
Notre Dame ....	.....	.....	.....	50
Webster	763	987	627	866
Wisconsin Point.	13	33	44	193
Allouez .....	.....	.....	.....	95
High School ....	.....	.....	1,290	1,787
Total	10,077	12,087	18,629	22,474

Matt Carpenter School Branch.

The kindergarten room with its many windows and long low tables proved an ideal place for the library this year as the increased circulation shows. 3,870 books were issued during the year almost entirely to the children of the lower grades. Mr. Casler and Miss Rude both had school duplicate collections for the higher grades, a report of which may be found under "Schools." It has been most interesting to note that the pupils of these grades having acquired reading habits in the lower grades through the school branch now come easily and naturally to the main Library.

The story hour attendance for the year was 4,886. From October until Christmas miscellaneous stories were told, but beginning with January and lasting through June stories from Norse mythology and the Volsunga saga were told to the older children. The attendance (a total of 1,019) was regular, the same children coming week after week, showing, too, by their reading their interest in these stories. Students of the kindergarten department of the Normal school helped during the second semester telling a story each week to the first group of little children.

MENDING AND BINDING.

Two thousand three hundred eighty four books were mended in the Library during the year.

Binding Statistics for 1915-1916.

Books	1,641
Magazines	152
Superior Telegram	5
Total	1,798

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The general public as well as the Library Staff is always indebted to the Board of Trustees, as the success of the institution is largely due to their cordial support and cooperation.

With personal acknowledgement of this, and with full appreciation, this report is respectfully submitted.

BLANCH L. UNTERKIRCHER.

APPENDIX "A."

NUMBER OF ACCESSIONED BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

	ADULT	REFERENCE	LEGLER	JUVENILE	JUVENILE REF.	SCHOOLS	TOTAL
General works.	179	233	69	...	23	...	504
Periodicals ...	121	2,471	23	19	93	...	2,727
Philosophy ...	542	3	...	10	...	3	558
Religion	762	36	8	92	7	34	939
Sociology and Fairy tales .	1,936	191	588	646	11	379	3,751
Philology	126	37	...	...	...	...	163
Nat'l Science ..	641	23	66	314	9	151	1,204
Useful Arts....	1,593	35	148	192	1	76	2,045
Fine Arts.....	1,341	47	23	257	2	51	1,721
Literature	1,961	159	4	526	24	333	3,007
History	1,457	46	199	361	2	200	2,265
Travel	1,019	38	71	325	11	267	1,731
Biography	1,369	104	36	335	7	203	2,054
Fiction	6,218	...	2	2,116	2	1,166	9,504
Norwegian	263	...	...	...	...	...	263
Swedish	206	...	...	...	...	...	206
German	23	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total	19,757	3,423	1,237	5,193	192	2,863	32,665

APPENDIX "B."

CLASSIFIED LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

	Adult.	Ref.	Legler.	Juven- ile.	School.	Total.
General works	13	10	1	...	...	24
Periodicals	1	135	23	...	...	159
Philosophy	48	3	...	...	...	51
Religion	41	6	...	...	...	47
Sociology and Fairy Tales	154	22	14	...	...	190
Philology	10	2	...	...	...	12
Natural Science	25	...	8	...	...	33
Useful Arts	219	1	2	...	...	222
Fine Arts	97	3	1	...	...	101
Literature	147	5	...	...	...	152
History	69	...	5	...	...	74
Travel	53	4	1	...	...	58
Biography	66	...	...	...	...	66
Fiction	958	...	...	...	...	958
Norwegian	14	...	...	...	...	14
Swedish	2	...	...	...	...	2
Total	1,917	191	55	1,094	869	4,126

APPENDIX "C."

CIRCULATION.

	Main		Library.		Stations.		Schools.		Carpenter.	Total.
	Ad.	Juv.	Ad.	Juv.	Ad.	Juv.	Ad.	Juv.	Juv.	
General works	53	116	663	974	....	....	....	....	....	1,806
Periodicals	201	47	30	23	....	....	....	....	....	301
Philosophy	863	50	6	13	....	....	3	....	....	935
Religion	669	341	16	4	....	....	254	96	....	1,380
Sociology and Fairy Tales	2,004	5,662	51	51	1	3,521	750	....	....	12,040
Philology	213	....	8	4	....	....	....	....	....	225
Natural Science	760	948	41	64	....	1,114	156	....	....	3,033
Useful Arts	2,599	589	87	15	12	440	56	....	....	3,798
Fine Arts	2,091	1,089	25	5	58	427	72	....	....	3,767
Literature	2,740	4,045	76	32	17	1,931	1,110	....	....	9,951
History	1,086	1,414	76	50	3	1,323	192	....	....	4,144
Travel	857	1,068	21	25	10	1,445	105	....	....	3,531
Biography	743	894	26	7	31	841	88	....	....	2,630
Fiction	30,018	14,937	26,125	5,367	1,705	9,338	1,245	....	....	88,735
Norwegian	1,348	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,378
Swedish	452	....	22	....	....	....	....	....	....	474
German	114	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	114
Finnish	47	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47
Yiddish	160	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	160
Polish	225	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	225
Current Periodicals...	3,968	....	1,532	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,500
Clippings	511	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	511
Pictures	43,084	5,586	110	396	....	....	....	....	....	49,176
Pamphlets	263	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	263
Maps	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
Total	95,071	36,786	28,945	7,030	1,837	20,637	3,870	....	....	194,176

APPENDIX "D."

STATION CIRCULATION.

	A.		B.		C.		D.		Onaway.		Carpenter.	Total.
Gen. works...	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	656	....	....	663
									*974	....	....	*974
Periodicals ..	14	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	30
									*23	....	....	*23
Philosophy ..	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	6
									*13	....	....	*13
Religion ....	....	....	....	3	....	1	....	....	12	....	....	16
									*4	*96	....	*100
Sociology and Fairy Tales	6	....	....	4	....	19	....	....	22	....	....	51
									*51	*750	....	*801
Philology ...	....	....	....	5	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	8
									*4	....	....	*4
Nat. Science. ....	....	....	....	4	....	9	....	....	28	....	....	41
									*64	*156	....	*220
Useful Arts..	15	....	....	13	....	17	....	....	42	....	....	87
									*15	*56	....	*71

APPENDIX "D."
STATION CIRCULATION.
(Continued)

	A.	B.	C.	D.	Onaway.	Carpenter.	Total.
Fine Arts....	3	....	8	3	11	....	25
					*5	*72	*77
Literature ...	3	....	1	9	63	....	76
			*2		*30	*1,110	*1,142
History	10	....	11	13	42	....	76
			*1		*49	*192	*242
Travel	6	....	3	5	7	....	21
					*25	*105	*130
Biography ...	14	....	....	5	7	....	26
					*7	*88	*95
Fiction	9,705	8,621	2,556	1,934	3,309	....	26,125
	*728	*1,042	*951	*453	*2,193	*1,245	*6,612
Norwegian ..	....	....	....	24	6	....	30
Swedish	1	....	3	18	....	....	22
Current Period- cals	540	....	391	55	546	....	1,532
Pictures	81	....	....	....	29	....	110
					*396		*396
Total	10,398	8,621	3,009	2,122	4,795	....	28,945
	*728	*1,042	*954	*453	*3,853	*3,870	*10,900
Grand total	11,126	9,663	3,963	2,575	8,648	3,870	39,845

*Juvenile Department.

